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LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, in accordance with a proclamation issued by President Biden, has ordered U.S. and Michigan flags within the State Capitol Complex and upon all public buildings and grounds across the State of Michigan to be lowered to half-staff immediately on Wednesday, May 26 through Sunday, May 30 to honor and remember the eight victims of the shooting in San Jose, California.

“My heart is with the friends and families of each of the victims, as well as the entire San Jose community,” **Whitmer** said. “Gun violence is a public health crisis that continues to take the lives of Americans every day. Our hearts break for the innocent lives lost, and we must do more as a nation to prevent these horrific tragedies from happening again. Our state grieves alongside the loved ones of the victims and the entire San Jose, California community.”

On Wednesday, a gunman opened fire at a public transit rail yard in San Jose, California, killing eight people and wounding several others. Officials have not yet released the names of those killed in the shooting.

The State of Michigan remembers the victims and stands in solidarity with residents of the State of California by lowering flags to half-staff. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments and other organizations also are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff.

To lower flags to half-staff, flags should be hoisted first to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The process is reversed before the flag is lowered for the day.

In observance of Memorial Day, flags should remain lowered until noon on Monday, May 31, 2021.

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